



# SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH BRAIN INJURY IN VIRGINIA

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## **State Administered Services**

*The following services and programs are administered directly by the Department of Rehabilitative Services:*

**Brain Injury Services Coordination Unit (BISCU)** is located within the **Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS)**, Virginia's designated "lead state agency" for planning and monitoring services that enhance the quality and vocational goals of persons with acquired brain injury. BISC Unit manages about \$6 million in programs and services, primarily through federal / state grants, and state-funded contracts with organizations across the Commonwealth. BISC Unit provides information about acquired brain injury to DRS staff and external customers, as well as assistance in obtaining DRS services. BISCU staffs the Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative Trust Fund and the statewide Virginia Brain Injury Council, the advisory group to the DRS Commissioner. *Contact Patricia Goodall at 800/552-5019, TTY 800/464-9950 or e-mail [Patti.Goodall@drs.virginia.gov](mailto:Patti.Goodall@drs.virginia.gov) or on-line <http://www.vadrs.org/cbs/biscis.htm>.*

- **Brain Injury Direct Services (BIDS) Fund** provides short-term specialized services, assistive technology, and other equipment / goods to help individuals live more independently and move forward in their recovery. The BIDS Fund is limited and available only if no other funding source is available; it is recommended that you contact DRS prior to applying for funding. The BIDS Fund does *not* pay for inpatient medical rehabilitation or any type of residential services. Individuals must be one year post-injury and meet disability and financial criteria. *Contact Patricia Goodall at 804/662-7615, 800/552-5019, TTY 800/464-9950 or e-mail [Patti.Goodall@drs.virginia.gov](mailto:Patti.Goodall@drs.virginia.gov) or on-line <http://www.vadrs.org/cbs/biscis.htm>.*
- **Commonwealth Neurotrauma Initiative (CNI) Trust Fund** was established legislatively in 1997 for the purpose of "improving the treatment and care of Virginians with traumatic spinal cord or brain injuries." The Trust Fund Advisory Board disburses funds to Virginia-based organizations, institutions, and researchers through a competitive grant process administered by DRS. Grant funds of \$5,000 to \$150,000 per year for up to three years are awarded in rotating cycles for Research Grants and Community Based Services Grants. Although grant funding is short-term, direct services to consumers may be available in some areas. *Contact Kristie Chamberlain 804/662-7154, e-mail [Kristie.Chamberlain@drs.virginia.gov](mailto:Kristie.Chamberlain@drs.virginia.gov) or on-line <http://www.vacni.org>.*
- **Federal Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Implementation Partnership Act** grant funding was awarded to the Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services for 2009-2013. "**Closing the Gap**" focuses on expanding and strengthening the State's infrastructure for the delivery of brain injury services through a variety of activities and through work with targeted populations. DRS subcontracts to two organizations to assist in carrying out the grant activities. The primary contractor is the Brain Injury Association of Virginia (BIAV). In addition, Virginia Commonwealth University is contracted to work with the Department of Juvenile Justice to identify and provide treatment options for youth entering the correctional system. The systems change Federal grant does not provide direct services to consumers. *Contact Patricia Goodall at 800/552-5019, TTY 800/464-9950 or e-mail [Patti.Goodall@drs.virginia.gov](mailto:Patti.Goodall@drs.virginia.gov) or on-line <http://www.vadrs.org/cbis.htm>.*

**Centers for Independent Living (CILs)** provide services statewide that promote the independence, productivity, and leadership of people with disabilities. CILs are operated by people with disabilities who assist others to take charge of their own lives. CILs work with individuals and communities to remove barriers to independence. Services include information / referral, peer counseling, independent living skills training, and individual / systems advocacy. There are 16 CILs and four satellite CILs located throughout Virginia. Contact Theresa Preda at 800/552-5019, TTY 800/464-9950; e-mail [Theresa.Preda@drs.virginia.gov](mailto:Theresa.Preda@drs.virginia.gov) or on-line <http://www.vadrs.org/cbs/cils.htm>.

**Community Rehabilitation Case Management Services (CRCMS) Program** provides case management / service coordination for individuals with central nervous system and other severe functional disabilities (including brain injury). Rehabilitation Specialists assist in identifying individual needs and identify resources to increase independent living and community integration. Contact Carolyn Turner at 800/552-5019, TTY 800/464-9950, e-mail [Carolyn.Turner@drs.virginia.gov](mailto:Carolyn.Turner@drs.virginia.gov) or on-line <http://www.vadrs.org/cbs/lterm.htm>.

**Personal Assistance Services for People with Brain Injury (PAS/BI)** provides personal assistance to people with significant functional limitations due to a physical disability caused by a brain injury and who are ineligible for attendant services through other sources. The consumer and a consumer-designated representative manage all aspects of employing a personal assistant. Services may include assistance getting in/out of bed, dressing, bathing, meal preparation, and housework. Priority is given to individuals at risk of institutional placement. Contact Pat Norton at 800/552-5019, TTY 800/464-9950, e-mail [Patricia.Norton@drs.virginia.gov](mailto:Patricia.Norton@drs.virginia.gov) or on-line <http://www.vadrs.org/cbs/pas.htm>.

**Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program** is the federal/state funded program within the **Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS)** that offers employment-related assistance to persons with disabilities, including people with brain injuries. Individuals who meet disability and financial eligibility criteria work with a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor to jointly develop an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) that identifies an employment goal, as well as services or training to achieve that goal. Services include evaluation of skills and abilities; help determining an employment goal; counseling and guidance; vocational training; and job seeking / job placement services. Contact DRS at 800/552-5019, TTY 800/464-9950, or on-line <http://www.vadrs.org>.

**Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center (WWRC)** is a state-funded rehabilitation facility operated by the **Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS)** that offers an array of residential and outpatient services ranging from a comprehensive rehabilitation therapy program to vocational training to short-term assessment. In addition to receiving regular WWRC services, eligible individuals with acquired brain injury may receive supplemental specialized services through **WWRC's Brain Injury Services Department** such as counseling / guidance; neuropsychological assessment and therapy; vocational evaluation / training; cognitive rehabilitation services; independent living / community re-entry skills; and physical, occupational, and speech / language therapies. Specialized case management services may also be available to individuals with brain injury who attend WWRC programs. Contact Gerald Showalter at 540/332-7044 or 800/345-9972 / TTY 800/811-7893 or e-mail [Gerald.Showalter@wwrc.virginia.gov](mailto:Gerald.Showalter@wwrc.virginia.gov) or on-line <http://www.wwrc.net/menuroot/VR-brain-injury-services.htm>.

## **State Contracted Programs/Services**

*The following organizations receive Commonwealth of Virginia state general funds to provide programs/services through contracts managed by the Department of Rehabilitative Services:*

***Brain Injury Association of Virginia (BIAV)*** provides **statewide** information and support to people with brain injury, family members, and professionals. BIAV services include a toll-free help-line, an information clearinghouse and resource library, referrals to brain injury-specific and general community resources, a statewide network of support groups, systems advocacy, educational events, and an adult camp for survivors. BIAV also has Regional Resource Coordinators in **four areas of the state** who provide information/referral, education, public awareness and resource development locally. *Contact Anne McDonnell, Executive Director, Brain Injury Association of Virginia, 1506 Willow Lawn Dr., Suite 112, Richmond, VA 23230, by phone 804/355-5748, Toll-free Help Line 800/444-6443, e-mail [info@biav.net](mailto:info@biav.net), or on-line <http://www.biav.net>.*

***Brain Injury Services, Inc. (BIS INC)*** provides information and referral, case management, supported living, and volunteer placement for people with brain injuries in **Northern Virginia**; case management is also available in the **Fredericksburg** area. In addition, BIS INC operates two clubhouses: ADAPT Clubhouse in the **Fairfax** and Westwood Clubhouse in **Fredericksburg**. Clubhouse members are actively involved in the daily operation of the clubhouse through a “work-ordered day” which leads to improved work skills and behaviors that support community and vocational re-entry. *Contact Karen Brown, Executive Director, Brain Injury Services, Inc., 8136 Old Keene Mill Road, Suite B102, Springfield, VA 22152, by phone 703/451-8881, e-mail [kbrown@braininjurysvcs.org](mailto:kbrown@braininjurysvcs.org), or on-line <http://www.braininjurysvcs.org>.*

***Brain Injury Services of Southwest Virginia (BISSWVA)*** provides information and referral, case management, life skills services, and volunteer placement for individuals with brain injury residing in the **LENOWISCO, Cumberland Plateau, Mount Rogers, New River Valley, and Roanoke Valley-Alleghany** areas of the state. *Contact Helen Butler, Executive Director, Brain Injury Services of Southwest Virginia, 302 Second Street, Third Floor, Roanoke, VA 24011, by phone 866-720-1008, e-mail [helen@bisswva.org](mailto:helen@bisswva.org), or on-line <http://www.bisswva.org>.*

***Community Futures Foundation, Inc. (CFF)*** operates two clubhouses, The Mill House in **Richmond** and Denbigh House in **Newport News**. Clubhouse members are actively involved in daily operations of the clubhouse through a “work-ordered day” which leads to improved work skills and behaviors that support community and vocational re-entry. CFF offers Employee Development Services (EDS) which provides a structured and in-depth assessment of an individual’s work-related skills and abilities. Community Futures Foundation also provides information and referral, limited case management through the clubhouse, and volunteer placement for members of The Mill House and Denbigh House. CFF also employs a full-time case manager who provides long-term case management to individuals residing in the **Greater Richmond** metropolitan area. *Contact Jason Young, Executive Director, Community Futures Foundation, 7812 Shrader Road, Richmond, VA 23294, by phone 804/261-7050, e-mail [cffinfo@communityfuturesva.org](mailto:cffinfo@communityfuturesva.org), or on-line at <http://www.communityfuturesva.org>.*

***Crossroads to Brain Injury Recovery (CBIR)*** provides information and referral, case management, community support services (life skills training), and volunteer placement for individuals with brain injury in the Greater Shenandoah Valley to include the counties of **Rockbridge, Augusta, Bath, Highland, and Rockingham**; and the cities of **Harrisonburg, Lexington, Buena Vista, Waynesboro, and Staunton**. Crossroads' main office is located in Harrisonburg on the James Madison University Campus in Blue Ridge Hall. The organization also has a satellite office at Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center in Fishersville. *Contact Michelle Witt, Executive Director, Blue Ridge Hall MSC 9020, Harrisonburg, VA 22807, by phone 540/ 568-8923, e-mail [michelle@c2bir.org](mailto:michelle@c2bir.org), or on-line at <http://www.c2bir.org>.*

***Mary Buckley Foundation, Inc. (MBF)*** operates No Limits, a day program for people with brain injury on the **Eastern Shore**, and Beacon House, a clubhouse program for people with brain injury in the **Virginia Beach** area. Day programs provide individuals with brain injury the opportunity to participate in structured activities in a supportive environment. Activities may include vocational tasks, community outings, computer training, and social/recreational activities. Clubhouse members are actively involved in the daily operation of the clubhouse through a "work-ordered day" which leads to improved work skills and behaviors that support community and vocational re-entry. *Contact Matt Buckley, Executive Director, Mary Buckley Foundation, 3808C Virginia Beach Boulevard, Virginia Beach, VA 23452, by phone 757/631-0222, e-mail [matt@maryfoundation.org](mailto:matt@maryfoundation.org), or on-line at <http://www.maryfoundation.org>.*

***MWS Brain Injury Services (MWS BIS)*** provides information and referral, case management, life skills services, and volunteer placement for individuals with brain injury residing in the counties of **Henry, Patrick, and Pittsylvania**, as well as the cities of **Martinsville, Danville**, and the town of **Stuart**. *Contact David Draper, Executive Director, MARC Workshop, MWS Brain Injury Services, 315 Hospital Drive, Suite 304, P. O. Box 3385, Martinsville, VA 24115, by phone 276/632-1018, Extension 308, or e-mail [marc2007@embarqmail.com](mailto:marc2007@embarqmail.com).*

***Virginia NeuroCare (VANC)*** operates High Street Clubhouse in **Charlottesville**. Clubhouse members are actively involved in the daily operation of the clubhouse through a "work-ordered day" which leads to improved work skills and behaviors that support community and vocational re-entry. *Contact Leigh Wion, Program Director, High Street Clubhouse, 406 E. Main Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902 by phone 434/220-4596, e-mail [leigh.wion@thementornetwork.com](mailto:leigh.wion@thementornetwork.com) or on-line <http://www.vanc.org>.*

***Virginia Supportive Housing (VSH)*** provides case management services to residents of two community homes for people with brain injury in the **Richmond** metropolitan area: Independence House, which houses six individuals, is located in the Fulton Hill community, and Bliley Manor, which houses eight individuals, is located in the Southside of Richmond. Limited follow-up case management is available to individuals who have moved on to more independent residential settings. *Contact Stephanie Arnold, TBI Case Manager, Virginia Supportive Housing, 1010 N Thompson Street, Suite 200, P. O. Box 8585, Richmond, VA 23226, by phone 804/432-0946, e-mail [sarnold@virginiiasupportivehousing.org](mailto:sarnold@virginiiasupportivehousing.org), or on-line <http://www.virginiiasupportivehousing.org>.*